

## TEACHING PLAN

### Do You Know This Man? Session 2—The Caring God

#### THE QUESTION

What did Jesus do while on earth?

#### THE POINT

Jesus showed us the heart of God.

Mark 2:1-12

#### GET STARTED

- > Provide index cards and tell students to list five facts about their past. They could share where they were born, where they grew up as a child, information about their grandparents, or other family history. Call for volunteers to share about their pasts. Note: You could make a game of this by collecting all the cards and reading each one, allowing students to guess whose card it is by the facts listed.
- > How much information do you know about Jesus' life on earth? What did He do? What did He eat? Where did He live? What did He wear? List responses on the board.
- > Review the "Daily Life in Israel" facts about life in the time of Jesus on pages 14-15 in the *KNOWN* student book. Discuss reactions to the information. **See Activity A.**

#### INTRODUCE THE QUESTION

- > Identify popular reality television shows and discuss reactions to each show. What do you like/not like about these shows? Do these shows give us a true sense of who these people really are? Why or why not?
- > If a video crew were to follow you around for a few days, where would you go and what would you do to give someone who does not know you an idea of who you really are? Would the camera capture who you are? Why or why not? What would your actions reveal about your parents?
- > What did Jesus do during His three years of ministry? What did His actions say about Him? What did His actions reveal about God?
- > Jesus didn't teach and minister to people simply for the fun of it. He had a purpose in what He did—to show us the heart of God.

#### APPLY LIFE PRINCIPLES

Use the following Scriptures and bulleted teaching ideas/statements to communicate each of these life principles related to the question for this session.

##### A. Jesus taught the people.

- > In the beginning of His ministry, Jesus' base of operation was Capernaum. Locate Capernaum on the map on page 14 in the *KNOWN* student book. **See Activity B.**
- > **Read Mark 2:1-2.** Describe the context of this passage. *See the online Insights.\**
- > What was the message Jesus spoke to the people? Point out "The Message" on page 15 in the *KNOWN* student book. **See Activity C.**
- > Jesus preached a message of hope. The people had been waiting for the kingdom of God; now it was here among them. *See the online Insights.\**
- > Why was Jesus teaching the people? How did His teaching show them the heart of God?
- > Point out other Scripture references listed on page 15 in the *KNOWN* student book that refer to passages where Jesus taught the people. **See Activity D.**
- > Is the good news of Jesus still good news today? Explain. What are you doing to teach it to people?

##### B. Jesus healed the sick.

- > What's the sickest you have ever been? Who took care of you when you were sick? What did your caretaker do to help you get well? Have you ever cared for someone who has been sick? How? Why?
- > **Read Mark 2:3-12.** Explain why and how the sick man's friends lowered him through the roof to get him to Jesus. *See the online Insights.\**
- > Point out the picture on page 14 in the *KNOWN* student book. If you had been there that day, what would you have been thinking? **See Activity E.**
- > Point out the other Scripture references listed on page 15 in the *KNOWN* student book that refer to passages where Jesus healed people. **See Activity D.**
- > Does Jesus still heal people? How? Why?
- > Do you have friends who are spiritually sick? What are you doing to get them to Jesus?

### **C. Jesus challenged their thinking.**

- > **Review Mark 2:3-12.** Note the reaction of the religious leaders to Jesus' actions and words and how Jesus responded to them. *See the online Insights.\**
- > Why were the religious leaders upset with Jesus?
- > What was wrong with their thinking? Why did Jesus need to challenge their thinking?
- > Jesus challenged their core beliefs. He also threatened their power. Discuss the information about the religious leaders on page 15 in the *KNOWN* student book. **See Activity F.**
- > Point out other Scripture references listed on page 15 in the *KNOWN* student book that refer to passages where Jesus challenged people's thinking. **See Activity D.**
- > What thinking in our world needs to be challenged? See page 15 in the *KNOWN* student book. **See Activity G.**
- > How can you challenge wrong thinking? Why should you?

### **WRAP IT UP**

**Use these ideas to drive home the point for this session. Challenge students to act upon the truth of this study during the coming week.**

- > Jesus reflected the heart of God. The heart of God is to be reflected now through our lives as Christ-followers. List ways to show the heart of God in words and actions.
- > It doesn't take major accomplishments to reveal God's heart. You can reveal God's heart with a life of service and obedience. What will you do this week?

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